

REMARKS

Overview

Claims 1-8 and 52-56 currently stand allowed, and the Examiner has objected to claims 13, 23-25, 31, 44-45 and 58 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but indicated that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations from the claims on which they depend.

The Examiner also responded in the prior Office Action as follows: rejected claims 9-12, 14-17, 19-22, 26-30, 32-43, 46-51, 57, and 59-63 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Theimer (U.S. Patent No. 5,611,050); rejected claims 9, 36, 38-39, 42-43, 50-51, 57, and 62-63 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by Biskup ("Towards Secure Mediation"); and rejected claim 18 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Theimer in view of Schmidt ("There Is More To Context Than Location").

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter in the pending claims. While Applicants disagree that the prior art renders obvious any of the previously pending claims, Applicants have amended the claims in order to expedite prosecution so that the pending claims are in a form indicated by the Examiner to be allowable, as discussed in greater below. Thus, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to timely indicate allowance of all pending claims.

In particular, previously allowable dependent claims 23-25, 31 and 45 have each been rewritten in independent form so as to include the claim elements of the claims from which they previously depended so as to thus be in allowable form. In addition, Applicants have canceled previously allowable dependent claim 13 and incorporated its claim elements into independent claim 9 – thus independent claim 9 as amended and its pending dependents are all in allowable form. In a similar manner, independent computer-readable medium claim 36, independent computer-readable generated data signal claim 38, and independent computing device claims 39 and 42 have each been amended in a manner similar to claim 9, and thus claims 36-42 are allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 9.

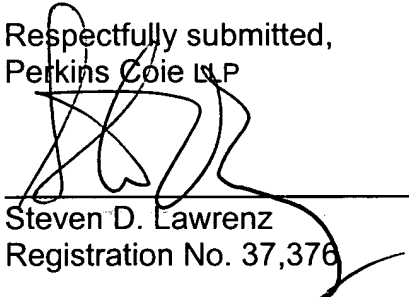
Similarly, Applicants have canceled previously allowable dependent claim 44 and incorporated its claim elements into independent claim 43 – thus independent claim 43 as amended and its pending dependents are all in allowable form. In a similar manner, independent computer-readable medium claim 50 and independent computer claim 51 have each been amended in a manner similar to claim 43, and thus are allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 43.

Similarly, Applicants have canceled previously allowable dependent claim 58 and incorporated its claim elements into independent claim 57 – thus independent claim 57 as amended and its pending dependents are all in allowable form. In a similar manner, independent computer-readable medium claim 62 and independent computer system claim 63 have each been amended in a manner similar to claim 57, and thus are allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 57.

Furthermore, previously allowed independent claims 1, 52, 55 and 56 continue to be allowable, as do dependent claims 2-7. In addition, newly added dependent claims 64-135, which each depend from one of the independent method claims discussed above, are allowable for at least the same reasons as the claims from which they depend.

Thus, claims 1-12, 14-43, 45-57, and 59-135 and are now pending, and are all in a form believed to be allowable. Applicants therefore respectfully request the Examiner to timely indicate allowance of all pending claims. If the Examiner has any questions or believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned at (206) 359-6380.

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